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# Cityscene

A Report to the Citizens of the City of Fairfax



## DATELINE

### Real Estate Bills Mailed in May

Real estate tax bills will be mailed by May 7, and payments are due by June 5; however, because that is a Saturday, payments will be accepted until June 7 without penalty. Payments postmarked later than June 7 are subject to a 10 percent (\$10 minimum) penalty and a 10 percent annual interest charge. For information, call 703-385-7904.

Those who directly pay their real estate taxes but do not receive a bill by May 15 should call 703-385-7904 for a duplicate bill.

Those who receive a bill that is paid by the mortgage company should immediately forward the bill to the mortgage company.

### City Government Offices Close May 31

City government offices will close May 31 in observance of Memorial Day, as will the Senior Center. The General District Court also will be closed; call 703-385-7867.

The CUE Bus will run on a modified weekday schedule; call 703-385-7859.

Trash and recyclables will be collected as usual; call 703-385-7995.



continues  
through  
May 9.

Information:  
[www.fairfaxspotlight.org](http://www.fairfaxspotlight.org),  
703-352-ARTS.

If you're new to the city, welcome!  
Call 703-385-7855  
for a **new resident package**.

## City Council Adopts New Budget, Sets Tax Rate at 90¢

The City of Fairfax City Council unanimously approved a budget of \$101 million for fiscal year 2004-05 that features the lowest real property tax rate in Northern Virginia while maintaining a high quality of services.

The City Council set the city's real estate tax rate at 90¢ per \$100 of assessed value, including 3¢ for open space acquisition. This rate is a 2¢ reduction from the previous fiscal year's rate.

The City Council maintained the personal property tax rate at \$3.29 per \$100 of assessed value.

In the approved budget, the City Council maintained all other city taxes at their existing rates, and water and sewer rates increased by 5 percent.

The City Council also plans to fund a major enhancement to the real estate tax relief program for elderly and disabled

city residents. The asset limit qualifications will be set at the state's authorized cap, enabling a greater participation in the program.

The City Council also will fund a number of capital projects, including additional funding for the Blenheim property restoration and development and open space purchases.

Budget priorities for this budget include funding for education, public safety, historic resources, community livability programs, the city's bicentennial celebrations in 2005 and open space.

The city's fiscal year runs from July 1 to June 30.

Copies of the adopted budget will be available by July 1, and citizens are invited to obtain a copy.

For a copy of the adopted budget, or for more information, call 703-385-7870.

## City to Purchase Stafford Tract, Jester Tract For Open Space

In April, the city settled with the owners of two tracts of land for the purchase of a 24-acre tract on Stafford Drive and three acres aside the west end of Providence Park. The parcels will be used for open space and public park purposes.

The 23.23-acre Stafford Drive parcel is off Lee Highway near the Mosby Woods and Cambridge Station neighborhoods (the shaded area pictured at right).

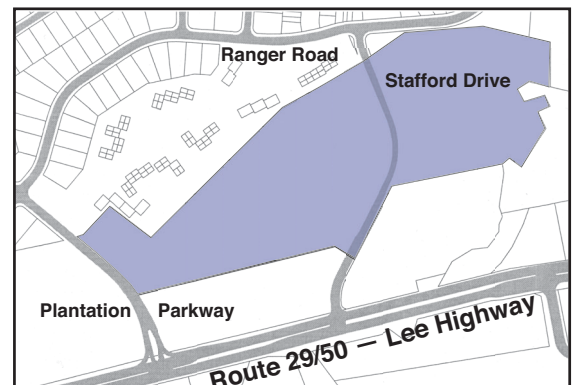
The city will pay \$5.7 million for the Stafford tract and \$750,000 for the Jester tract.

The properties originally were identified in the *Open Space Citizens' Advisory Committee Report* published in March 2001. The report is posted on the city's web site.

In November 2000, city vot-

ers supported a real estate tax levy of as much as 5¢ for a maximum of five years to purchase open space parcels. Properties obtained through this program will be used for open space and park purposes.

For information, call 703-385-7850.





## NEWS & NOTES

### Antique Car Show Set for May 15

View antique cars — and see a Ford Model-T rebuilt in 15 minutes — at the Antique Car Show from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. May 15 at City Hall.

The show features live music and food and is presented by Northern Virginia Regional Group of the Early Ford V-8 Club, the Downtown Fairfax Coalition and the city.

For information, call 703-620-9597.

### Historic Fairfax City, Inc. Annual Meeting Set for May 19

History buffs may meet Abigail Adams at the Historic Fairfax City, Inc., (HFCCI) general meeting at 7:30 p.m. May 19 at Old Town Hall.

Phyllis Verhalen will portray Adams, who in 1776 made one of the earliest known arguments for women's political rights in U.S. history. Adams also was the wife of the second president of the United States and mother of the sixth.

The evening begins with a short general meeting of HFCCI, followed by Verhalen's program and light refreshments. The free event is open to the public. For information, call 703-591-5305.

### Savor the Taste of Fairfax June 7

Citizens are invited to sample wares from local eateries at the second annual *Taste of Fairfax*. The event will be held from 5-8 p.m. June 7 at Williams Memorial Hall in Fire Station 3, 4081 University Drive.

The cost is \$8 for unlimited tastes from nearly two dozen restaurants. Children younger than age 10 participate for free.

A portion of the proceeds will benefit the Margaret Kilpatrick Adams Memorial Scholarship and the Fairfax Volunteer Fire Department.

The event is hosted by the Central Fairfax Chamber of Commerce. For information, call 703-591-2450.



## Civil War Weekend May 1-2

### Historic Blenheim Estate, 3610 Old Lee Highway

Information: 703-385-8414 or [www.fairfaxva.gov](http://www.fairfaxva.gov)

### Saturday, May 1 10 am to 9 pm

*All day: Blacksmithing demonstrations, Susan Kelly as the "Yankee Schoolmarm"*  
10:30 am ≈ Speaker TBA • *Camp scavenger hunt, creating a graffiti wall, and youth activities ongoing until 7 pm*  
11 am ≈ *Civil War Music* by Acoustic Shadows of the Blue and Gray  
11:30 am ≈ *Beginners' Boot Camp* (y)  
Noon ≈ Filming of scene for *The Battle of Chantilly (Ox Hill)*  
12:30 pm ≈ Sara Bartlett as Clara Barton at Fairfax Station  
1 pm ≈ *Piecing a quilt and making bandages* (y) • *Blenheim's Master Plan* by Chris Martin • wagon rides through camps until 9 pm  
1:30 pm ≈ *Victorian dance presentation and workshop*  
2 pm ≈ Speaker: General Hancock  
2:30 pm ≈ *Gatling gun demonstration and firing demonstrations*  
3 pm ≈ *Union Soldier Camp Life* by Mike Schellhammer  
3:30 pm ≈ *Beginners' boot camp* (y) • *Music* by Acoustic Shadows of the Blue and Gray  
4 pm ≈ *Piecing a quilt, making bandages* (y)  
4:30 pm ≈ *Civil War photography demonstration* by Robert Szabo  
5 pm ≈ Civil War railroads and telegraphs demonstrations  
5:30 pm ≈ Victorian dance presentation and workshop  
7 pm ≈ *General Lee Remembers* by Al Stone  
7:30 pm ≈ *Music* by Acoustic Shadows of the Blue and Gray • *Twilight wagon rides through camp until 9 pm* • *Living history at Grandma's Cottage*

### Sunday, May 2 10 am to 4 pm

*All day: Blacksmithing demonstrations, Susan Kelly as the "Yankee Schoolmarm"*  
10 am ≈ Blenheim House and attic tours until 4 pm; *camp scavenger hunt, creating a graffiti wall, and youth activities ongoing until 3:30 pm*

10 am ≈ Period church service (open to the public)  
11 am ≈ *Soldier Letters to the Folks at Home* by Susan Gray  
11:30 am ≈ Jeff Smith as Colonel John S. Mosby  
Noon ≈ *Civil War Music* and "*The Lee Moment*" by Southern Horizon and Al Stone • wagon rides through camps until 4 pm  
12:30 pm ≈ *Get Ready to March* (y)  
1 pm ≈ *Civil War Hospitals* by Betsy Estilow  
1:30 pm ≈ Sara Bartlett as Clara Barton  
2 pm ≈ *Blenheim's Union Soldier Graffiti* by C.K. Gailey and Andrea Loewenwarter  
2:30 pm ≈ *Gatling Gun Demonstration and Firing Demonstration*  
3 pm ≈ *Music* by Southern Horizon; *Piecing a quilt and making bandages* (y)  
(y = youth programs)

- \* Parking/shuttle from Fairfax High School, 3500 Old Lee Highway
- \* Admission: \$3 per adult, \$1 per child
- \* Attic tours cost \$5 per person and are limited due to building load restrictions
- \* Special guests: General Robert E. Lee, General George Pickett, Gen. (Winfield Scott) Hancock, Colonel John S. Mosby, General Thomas "Stonewall" Jackson, Colonel E. Porter Alexander and Miss Clara Barton
- \* Exhibits and displays: 1862 traveling forge, Blenheim's attic soldier graffiti, Civil War railroads and telegraph, Willcox family memorabilia, Virginia Civil War trails and more
- \* Food by Famous Dave's Legendary Pit Bar-B-Que, Paradise Ice Cream and Colonial Kettle Korn
- \* Period Sutler sales and Civil War souvenirs
- \* Presented by the City of Fairfax, Historic Fairfax City, Inc., and the 17th Virginia Infantry "Fairfax Rifles"

## General Election Set for May 4

Registered voters in the City of Fairfax may cast ballots in the May 4 general election. Polling locations are open from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Election Day. For information, call 703-385-7890.

The candidates on the ballot are:

- **Mayor candidate:** Robert Frederick Lederer
- **City Council candidates:** Joan W. Cross, Jeffrey C. Greenfield, Gail C. Lyon, Gerald T. "Jerry" O'Dell, Gary J. Rasmussen, R. Scott Silverthorne, Patricia M. Winter
- **School Board candidates:** Karen A. Bryan, Jon A. Buttram, Allen C. Grif-

fith, Julie A. Knight, Janice B. Miller, Gerald T. "Jerry" O'Dell, Courtney R. Robinson, Penelope A. "Penny" Rood

Absentee voting is available in the Registrar's Office, which will be open from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, May 1 for in-person absentee voting.

At the city's six polling locations, voter parking and polls will be clearly marked. All polling locations will be in use for other purposes, such as schools or government services, so voters are reminded to travel carefully in these areas.

Polling stations are fully accessible, and election pages can provide assistance.

# City Council to Set School Renovations Referendum

In May, the City Council will consider an ordinance that will set a referendum date for November 2 to seek voter approval for the issuance of \$80+ million in general obligation bonds for school improvements.

The City Council has scheduled the introduction of the ordinance for the May 11 City Council meeting, with the public hearing and final adoption scheduled for the May 25 City Council meeting. Meetings begin at 7 p.m. in City Hall.

Citizens are invited address the City

Council on the proposed action during the public hearing May 25.

The proposed renovations will be to Sidney Lanier Middle School and Fairfax High School. Lanier Middle School, at 3410 Bevan Drive, opened in 1960, and Fairfax High School, at 3500 Old Lee Highway, opened in 1972.

Preliminary plans are available for review in the School Superintendent's Office at the Sisson House next to City Hall.

For information, call 703-385-7911.

## Mosquito Control Begins At Home

As the weather gets warmer, citizens need to implement mosquito control practices to eliminate mosquito breeding grounds on their private property.

After a rainfall, water can remain in corrugated plastic drain pipes connected to building downspouts. Citizens can make these pipes inhospitable to mosquitoes by treating them with mosquito larvae.

Mosquitoes need only a teaspoon-full of water to breed. Every property has many hospitable mosquito breeding grounds: old tires, potted plants, bird baths, tarps, wading pools. Remember to "tip and toss" weekly any water in containers that does not circulate or does not

evaporate within a week's time. Something as simple as a pail or pan that collects rainwater should be tipped and tossed weekly.

Citizens should clean out roof gutters and downspout screens so water will not pool.

When summer arrives, wear long, loose, light-colored clothes. Use insect repellent as directed by the manufacturer to avoid being bitten by mosquitoes.

West Nile virus is spread to birds, humans and other mammals through the bite of an infected mosquito. Most people bitten by infected mosquitoes do not get sick. For information, call 703-246-2300 or visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov).

## Post Office Relocation Is the First Phase of Downtown Redevelopment

The U.S. Postal Service (USPS) relocation in April to its new facility at 10660 Page Avenue helps the City of Fairfax move a step closer to the redevelopment of its downtown district.

The post office relocation is the culmination of several years of collaboration between the USPS and the city. The USPS purchased the Page Avenue property from the city, noting it will meet USPS needs and still remain near the center of the city.

The old post office site, purchased by the city in 1995 for \$2.1

million, is one of the key properties in the downtown redevelopment. Also part of the redevelopment is the lot at University Drive and North Street, which the city purchased in 1994 for \$400,000. Those two properties, with the Fairfax City Regional Library building/property, are keystones of the city's downtown re-

development — and are expected to be the catalyst for redevelopment of several other properties in Old Town Fairfax. For information, call 703-385-7862. (photo by Chris Fow, Community Relations Office)



### Backyard Composting Class Set for May 8

Learn how to create a home composting program at a free class at 10 a.m. May 8 behind City Hall. Please register by e-mailing [gshelton@fairfaxva.gov](mailto:gshelton@fairfaxva.gov) or by calling 703-385-7995. The first 10 registrants will receive a free backyard composter.

### Use Bags or Cans for Yard Waste

Yard waste such as leaves and grass and shrub clippings must be placed in trash cans or in paper or plastic bags for collection. Yard waste placed loose at the curb will not be collected.

### City Drop-off Center Located at Pickett Road

The city operates a drop-off center at the property yard located at 3410 Pickett Road that is open 24 hours a day every day. The center accepts a wide variety of items, including paper, glass, aluminum, automotive batteries, plastic beverage containers and metal cans. For a complete list, call 703-385-7855.

Additionally, residents may drop off used motor oil and filters from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. weekdays (excluding holidays) at the Pickett Road center.

### Prune Trees, Bushes for Safety

Property owners are asked to prune trees and shrubs on their properties away from sidewalks and streets.

Trees and shrubs should not obstruct the view of traffic or signs from the road, nor should they block sidewalks and deter pedestrian traffic.

**To assist citizens with refuse and recyclables disposal, the city has published *How to Dispose of Items in the City*. For a copy, call 703-385-7855.**

**INFORMATION: 703-385-7995**



## Farmers Markets Begin in May

Citizens may enjoy two farmers markets in the City of Fairfax. The city's annual Farmers Market will be held from 8 a.m. to noon Tuesdays beginning May 4 at Van Dyck Park (703-642-5173).

The Downtown Fairfax Coalition Community Market will be held from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturdays beginning May 8 at the corner of West and Main streets, near the First Union Bank (703-430-6164).



## Employees, City Receive Awards

Captain Adrian Munday and Sergeant Edward Wilkinson of the City of Fairfax Fire Department and PFC Michael G. Duncan, Jr. of the City of Fairfax Police Department recently were recognized for excellence in service by the Arlington-Fairfax Elks Lodge.

Also, for the 17th consecutive year, the City of Fairfax has been rewarded for its tree conservation efforts with a Tree City USA designation.

## Keep Signs On Private Property, Off Poles

Signs for community events, yard sales and elections may be placed on private property with permission of the property owner, but not in the public right-of-way.

For information, call 703-385-7820. Signs placed on traffic signs in traffic islands, median strips, on trees in the public right-of-way, on telephone poles, in CUE Bus shelters and other public areas in the city are in violation of City Code.

*Yard sale signs* may be two square feet or smaller and may be posted for 24 hours before an event, for no more than three consecutive days, and must be removed by 9 p.m. on the final day of the event.

*Real estate signs* may be posted only on the property for sale or rent. Open house signs may be placed only on private property, with the property owner's consent, and at least eight feet from the public right-of-way.

*Election signs* are allowed on private property within eight feet of the curb. Signs must be removed within three days after an election. Permits are required for all election signs; call 703-385-7820.

# Enjoy Fresh Air at City Parks

Folks searching for pleasant diversions in the great outdoors need look no further than the neighborhood park down the street. The city has nearly two dozen parks, four school grounds and many municipal facilities offering a wide variety of amenities.

Picnic pavilions are available at Van Dyck, Ratcliffe and Daniels Run parks. Pavilions may be reserved by citizens; call 703-385-7858. Tennis courts are available at Van Dyck, Providence and Kutner parks. Bike paths and walking trails are found in every city park.

For a list of city parks and park facilities, call 703-385-7858. Information also is available on the city's web site.

The city's agreement with Fairfax County allows city residents to use Fairfax County parks and recreation programs. The county's parks system offers more than 14,000 acres of parkland and a variety of facilities. For in-

formation on county park facilities and programs, call 703-324-8700.

City residents also are afforded free entry to parks managed by Northern Virginia Regional Park Authority (NVRPA). The authority operates 19 parks in Northern Virginia, 10 of which are in Fairfax County. These parks offer 10,000 acres of hiking, picnicking, boating, fishing, camping, children's playgrounds, swimming and other outdoor recreational activities. For information, call 703-352-5900. (photo by Chris Fow, Community Relations Office)



## Ride of the Patriots Set for May 30

Begin Memorial Day celebrations May 30 with a hometown parade and the sixth annual *Ride of the Patriots*. This ride, to honor military and public safety personnel, is a staging area for "Rolling Thunder."

From 7:30-9:45 a.m. May 30, eastbound Lee Highway will be closed from Eaton Place to Fairfax Circle to accommodate the estimated 4,000 motorcycles lining up for the ride. During this time, westbound Lee Highway from Eaton Place to Fairfax Circle will become a 2-way street.

The parade will step off at 7:45 a.m. on eastbound Lee Highway from Capt. Pell's Crab House near Plantation Parkway and will end at Patriot Harley-

Davidson, 9739 Lee Highway.

Opening ceremonies begin at 8:20 a.m. at Patriot Harley-Davidson.

Beginning at 9:05 a.m., riders will depart under police escort for the Pentagon.

Bleachers will be set up for spectators, and veterans groups will sell food on the route. Parking is available at Fairfax High School.

For information, call 703-352-5400.

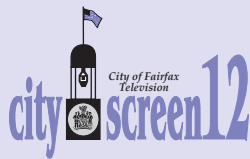
"Rolling Thunder" began in 1987 to remember Vietnam War prisoners of war and military personnel missing in action. During the annual ride, motorcyclists from around the country and world travel en masse from the Pentagon past the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, DC.

## Volunteers Sought for City Advisory Boards

- **Board of Equalization of Real Estate Assessments** (one vacancy)
- **Board of Zoning Appeals** (one vacancy)
- **Commission for Women** (one vacancy)
- **Commission on the Arts** (one vacancy)
- **Park and Recreation Advisory Board** (one vacancy)

**Incumbents do not wish reappointment. Applicants must be registered voters and have lived in the city for at least one year. Submit letters of interest by May 24 to City Manager Bob Sisson. Vacancies are subject to change.**

**For information, call 703-385-7935.**



# MAY CABLE SCHEDULE

## Candidates Night

Cityscreen-12 will show the April 21 Candidates Night, which features candidates for Mayor, City Council and School Board.

The show will be cablecast at 10 am, 2 pm and 7 pm May 1-2 and at 2 pm May 3.

## Election Results

On May 4, Cityscreen-12 will post election results when precincts report after 7 pm.

## Let's Talk City...

### Thursdays at 7 pm

Join Mayor Robert F. Lederer as he talks with City Councilmembers, the community and city staff about current topics of interest.

A new edition of the live show will be cablecast live at 7 pm May 20. The show will replay at 7 pm May 27, June 3 and June 10.

## City Council Meetings Also Shown on Channel 35

City Council meetings now show on Cox Communication Channel 35 at 8:30 pm

Thursdays and 10 am Sundays following the live cablecast of the meeting.

## The Fairfax Scene

In May, *The Fairfax Scene* will feature performances from the 2004 Spotlight on the Arts.

*The Fairfax Scene* plays at 2 pm daily and at 7 pm on Monday and Thursday.

## Focal Point Plays Saturdays

At 11 am Saturdays, watch programs produced by students of the Fairfax High School Academy for Communications and the Arts.

## School Board Meetings

Monday, May 3, 7:30 pm, LIVE

Tuesday, May 4, 10 am, replay

Thursday, May 6, 7:30 pm, replay

## Planning Commission Meetings

Monday, May 10, 7:30 pm, LIVE

Tuesday, May 11, 10 am, replay

Thursday, May 13, 7:30 pm, replay

Monday, May 24, 7:30 pm, LIVE  
Tuesday, May 25, 10 am, replay  
Thursday, May 27, 7:30 pm, replay

## City Council Meetings, Work Sessions

Tuesday, May 11, 7 pm, LIVE

Wednesday, May 12, 10 am, 7 pm, replay

Friday, May 14, 10 am, 7 pm, replay

Tuesday, May 18, 7 pm, LIVE

Wednesday, May 19, 10 am, 7 pm, replay

Friday, May 21, 10 am, 7 pm, replay

Tuesday, May 25, 7 pm, LIVE

Wednesday, May 26, 10 am, 7 pm, replay

Friday, May 28, 10 am, 7 pm, replay

## Encore!

On weeks when no meetings are scheduled, Cityscreen-12 will televise an encore performance of the City of Fairfax Band.

Programming is subject to change — see Cityscreen-12 to confirm the programming schedule.

## Proposed Agendas for City Council, Planning Commission, School Board

City Council (for information, call 703-385-7935)

May 11 regular meeting and work session

- Introduction of ordinance calling for an election on the issuance of general obligation bonds for school renovations.
- Public hearings: on an ordinance adopting Supplement #4 to the Code of the City of Fairfax, Virginia; for a special exception and special use permits for renovations at Fairfax High School, 3500 Old Lee Highway; for a special use permit to expand Lanier Intermediate School, 3710 Bevan Drive, in the R-3 district; on an ordinance amending Section 66-13(f)(1), Article I, Chapter 66 of the City Code concerning military leave; on an appropriation resolution in the amount of \$115,000 to construct a public safety storage facility at Fire Station 33; on an appropriation resolution in the amount of \$30,000 for publication and mailing of a Bicentennial Timeline/Calendar; on an appropriation resolution in the amount of \$21,700 for consultant services to develop a community center feasibility study.
- Council action on an ordinance amending Chapter 98, Article IV, Division 3, Section 98-215 of the Code of the City of Fairfax, VA by adding thereto a new section (14) establishing a Permit Parking District on Brookwood Drive between Old Lee High and Spring Lake Terrace.
- Discussion of Tax Relief programs.
- Review of Consultant Fees/Services.

May 18 work session

- Discussion of the draft *Comprehensive Plan*.

May 25 regular meeting and work session

- Introduction of an ordinance amending Section 98-1 of the City Code pertaining to State motor vehicle laws.
- Public hearings: and adoption of an ordinance calling for an election on the issuance of general obligation bonds for school renovations; on the proposed name change from Arlington Boulevard to Fairfax Boulevard; on an ordinance amending Chapter 90 of the Code by adding a new Article X to create the Fairfax Boulevard Business Improvement District (Service District) in the Lee Highway Corridor, which also includes a proposed real estate tax increase for affected properties of 12.5¢ per \$100 of assessed value; on the Comprehensive Plan; on the proposed purchase of the property located at 9817 Ashby Road to be used for open space.

Planning Commission (for information, call 703-385-7930)

May 10 regular meetings and May 24 regular meetings

- No agenda items have been set.

School Board (for information, call 703-385-7910)

May 3 regular meeting and May 17 work session

- No agenda items have been set.

Meeting information is subject to change; call to confirm meeting information.

## SENIOR CENTER

- Have coffee and donuts with veterans of foreign wars from 8-9 a.m. weekdays.
- Learn beginning bridge from 10 a.m. to noon Wednesdays from May 5 through June 9.
- Take hour-long easy strength training classes at 10:30 a.m. Wednesdays. Cost is \$10 a month.
- Keep fit by using the workout room at the center from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. weekdays.
- Celebrate Memorial Day with a potluck at 10:30 a.m. May 28.
- Line dancers who wish to teach beginner and intermediate lessons at the Senior Center should call 703-359-2487.

The Senior Center, located in the Green Acres Center at 4401 Sideburn Road, is open from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. weekdays.

INFORMATION: 703-359-2487



## DID YOU KNOW

- Entomologists predict the 17-year cicadas should arrive in May, with noise and activity reaching a peak during the first week of June. Though they fly (clumsily), cicadas do not sting or bite. If cicadas get into the house or car, just sweep them out the door or off the sidewalk. Do not use pesticides.
- To support the Virginia Special Olympics, the City of Fairfax Police Department is selling t-shirts, tank tops and baseball caps emblazoned with the 2004 Virginia Special Olympics logo. These items are available for \$10 each from the City of Fairfax Police Department. To purchase these items, or to make a donation to the Virginia Special Olympics, call Sergeant David Tucker or PFC Michael Murphy at 703-385-7924.
- Make sure your home is as safe as it can be: have the fire and police departments conduct free safety inspections. Fire and police personnel will inspect your home and provide safety recommendations. For a fire safety inspection, call 703-273-8109. For a police safety inspection, call 703-385-7946.
- Three community and civic associations manage pools open to the public for membership: Country Club Hills Pool (3623 Old Post Road; 703-503-1072); Fairfax Pool (4200 Roberts Road; 703-978-5655); Mosby Woods Pool (3135 Plantation Parkway; 703-591-1723). Information also is on the city's Web site.
- The City of Fairfax Independence Day activities will be held Saturday, July 3. For information, visit the city's Web site or call 703-385-7858.
- No detectable traces of lead have been found in water distributed by the city's Goose Creek Water Treatment Plant in Loudoun County, which serves all city residents and businesses. For information, call 703-385-7920.



## CITY COUNCIL REPORTER

March 9

### Consent items

- Approved, unanimously, the following consent agenda items: a resolution to allow the City to recover cost outlay for the renovation or rebuilding of the Fairfax City Regional Library from long-term financing; authorization of the write off delinquent personal property for 1998 and publication of the delinquent list of personal property and real estate; and, introduction of an ordinance to increase the water and sewer service rate by five percent (public hearing is March 23, 2004).

### Action

- Approved, 4-1-1, an ordinance amending Article II, Chapter 66 of the Code of the City of Fairfax, Virginia, pertaining to changes in the retirement plan for City employees. (Councilmember Lyon voted against the motion, Councilman Rasmussen abstained.)
- Approved, unanimously, a General Development Agreement between the City and Old Town Fairfax Village, LLC, a Virginia limited liability company, TC Mid Atlantic Development, Inc., Walnut Street Development Company, and J. Donegan Company, pertaining to the redevelopment of Old Town Fairfax.
- Approved, unanimously, a Purchase Agreement between the City and Old Town Fairfax Village, LLC, a Virginia limited liability company, TC Mid Atlantic Development, Inc., Walnut Street Development Company, and J. Donegan Company, pertaining to the redevelopment of Old Town Fairfax with the following amendment: that in Section 3, dates for closing should be on or before 12 months instead of 18 months.
- Approved, unanimously, the real estate tax rate to be advertised as 92 cents per \$100 assessed value.

### Council Comments

- Authorized staff to expend funds for printing services to list the City's web site address on City vehicles.

March 23

### Consent items

- Approved, unanimously: introduced an ordinance amending Chapter 98, Article IV, Division 3, Section 98-215 of the Code of the City of Fairfax, Virginia by adding thereto a new section (14) establishing a permit parking district on Brookwood Drive between Old Lee Highway and Spring Lake Terrace. (public hearing April 13, 2004).

### Actions

- Held public hearings on the following: the Fiscal Year 2004/2005 budget, the Capital Improvement Program for Fiscal Years 2004/2005-2008/2009, the real estate tax rate and an ordinance amending Section 102.31 of the Code of the City of Fairfax to increase the water and sewer rate. There will be a budget outreach meeting on Tuesday, March 30 at Daniels Run Elementary School at 7 p.m. Adoption is scheduled for April 13, 2004.
- Approved, unanimously, an amendment to Section 18(a) of the Purchase Agreement dated March 9, 2004 by and among the City of Fairfax, Virginia and TC MidAtlantic Development, Inc., Walnut Street Development Company, J. Donegan Company and Old Town Fairfax Village, LLC.
- Approved, 4-2, affirmation of the Board of Architectural Review's decision to deny the application requested by Lee Highway Associates, Guitar Center Shopping Center for proposed façade improvements on the premises known as 11051-11055 Lee Highway and more particularly described as tax map parcel 57-1-((2))-133. (Voting in favor of the motion were Councilmembers Cross, Greenfield, Lyon, Rasmussen.)

### Appointments to boards and commissions


















- Made the following appointments: re-appointed Gregory Patti to the Board of Building Code Appeals – Technical Division; appointed Paul Cunningham as the Planning Commission liaison to the Board of Architectural Review; and, appointed Alan Goodhue to the Personnel Advisory Board.

*Council Reporters were condensed due to space constraints.  
For a complete copy, call 703-385-7935.*



# City of Fairfax Community Calendar

## May 2004

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>Helpful Phone Numbers</b> City government information ..... 703-385-7855 City Newsline ..... 703-273-1776 Arts and Cultural Events Line ..... 703-352-ARTS Fairfax City Regional Library ..... 703-293-6227 Fairfax Museum and Visitor Center .... 703-385-8414 FHS Sports Line ..... 703-749-8130 GMU Events ..... 703-993-1007 Information is subject to last-minute change.						
<b>2</b>  <b>Fairfax Civil War Weekend</b> — see page 2 <i>Happy Feet Cloggers</i> , 2 pm, Old Town Hall <i>Brendan Mulvihill and Friends in Concert</i> , 3 pm, Old Town Hall <i>MusicLink</i> , 6 pm, Old Town Hall	<b>3</b>  School Board meeting, 7:30 pm, City Hall <i>(televised live and replayed on Cityscreen-12)</i> Fairfax Art League exhibit and reception, 5 pm, Old Town Hall	<b>4</b>  City of Fairfax General Election — polls open 6 am to 7 pm; results will be posted on Cityscreen-12 after polls close City of Fairfax Farmers Market, 8 am to noon, Van Dyck Park Board of Zoning Appeals meeting, 7 pm, City Hall	<b>5</b>  Interservice Club Council meeting, noon, Red Lobster Board of Architectural Review meeting, 7:30 pm, City Hall <i>Theater of the First Amendment Presents</i> , 7:30 pm, Old Town Hall	<b>6</b>  <i>Offices of the Treasurer and Commissioner of the Revenue open until 7 pm</i> <i>Movie: House of Sand and Fog</i> , 6 pm, 9 pm, GMU Johnson Center Cinema <i>Modern Music Ensemble</i> , 8 pm, Harris Theater	<b>7</b>  <i>Movie: Elf</i> , 6 pm, 9 pm, GMU Johnson Center Cinema Bingo, 7:30 pm, Fire Station 3 ( <i>proceeds benefit the Fairfax Volunteer Fire Department</i> ) <i>Happy Feet Cloggers Dance Review</i> , 7:30 pm, Lanier Middle School	<b>8</b>  Downtown Fairfax Coalition Community Market, 8 am to 1 pm, West and Main streets <i>Irish Country Dancing</i> , 7:30 pm, Wood Complex <i>Spotlight on Pops! by the City of Fairfax Band</i> , 8 pm, Fairfax High School
<b>9</b>  <i>The Four Tops</i> , 7 pm, GMU Center for the Arts <i>Recital: Mei-Chung Wang, piano</i> , 7 pm, Harris Theater	<b>10</b>  Planning Commission meeting, 7:30 pm, City Hall ( <i>televised live and replayed on Cityscreen-12</i> )	<b>11</b>  City of Fairfax Farmers Market, 8 am to noon, Van Dyck Park City Council meeting and work session, 7 pm, City Hall ( <i>televised live and replayed; see page 5</i> ) NVCC Commencement	<b>12</b> Historic Fairfax City, Inc. meeting, 7:30 pm, City Hall	<b>13</b> Park and Recreation Advisory Board meeting, 7:30 pm, Wood Complex Spotlight on the Arts Committee meeting, 7:30 pm, Wood Complex <i>Recital: Nathan Lassell, percussion</i> , 8 pm, Harris Theater	<b>14</b> Bingo, 7:30 pm, Fire Station 3 ( <i>proceeds benefit the Fairfax Volunteer Fire Department</i> ) <i>Happy Feet Cloggers Dance Review</i> , 7:30 pm, Lanier Middle School	<b>15</b>  Downtown Fairfax Coalition Community Market, 8 am to 1 pm, West and Main streets <i>Antique Car Show</i> , 10 am to 3 pm, City Hall GMU Commencement, 10 am, GMU Patriot Center
<b>16</b> <i>Marine Band</i> , 2 pm, GMU Center for the Arts	<b>17</b> School Board work session, 7:30 pm, Lanier Middle School	<b>18</b>  Farmers Market City Council work session, 7 pm, City Hall ( <i>televised live and replayed; see page 5</i> ) Commission for Women meeting, 7 pm, City Hall Commission on the Arts meeting, 7:30 pm, Wood Complex	<b>19</b> <i>Hey Sprout! (ages 2-5)</i> , 10:30 am, Fairfax City Regional Library Board of Architectural Review meeting, 7:30 pm, City Hall Historic Fairfax City, Inc., General Meeting, 7:30 pm, Old Town Hall	<b>20</b> <i>Think You Want to be a Teacher?</i> , 5 pm, GMU Johnson Center Independence Day Celebration Committee meeting, 7:30 pm, Wood Complex City of Fairfax Republican Committee meeting, 7:30 pm, City Hall	<b>21</b> Bingo, 7:30 pm, Fire Station 3 ( <i>proceeds benefit the Fairfax Volunteer Fire Department</i> )	<b>22</b>  Downtown Fairfax Coalition Community Market, 8 am to 1 pm, West and Main streets <i>Microsoft Access</i> , 2:30 pm, Fairfax City Regional Library <i>Fairfax Symphony Orchestra</i> , 8 pm, GMU Center for the Arts
<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>  Planning Commission meeting, 7:30 pm, City Hall ( <i>live and replayed on Cityscreen-12</i> )	<b>25</b>  City of Fairfax Farmers Market, 8 am to noon, Van Dyck Park City Council meeting and work session, 7 pm, City Hall ( <i>televised live and replayed; see page 5</i> )	<b>26</b> <i>A Pocket Full of Posies (ages 3-5)</i> , 10:15 am, Fairfax City Regional Library Community Appearance Committee meeting, 7:30 pm, City Hall	<b>27</b> Fairfax City Democratic Committee meeting, 7:30 pm, City Hall	<b>28</b> Bingo, 7:30 pm, Fire Station 3 ( <i>proceeds benefit the Fairfax Volunteer Fire Department</i> )	<b>29</b>  Downtown Fairfax Coalition Community Market, 8 am to 1 pm, West and Main streets
<b>30</b> <i>Ride of the Patriots and Parade</i> , 7:45 am, Patriot Harley-Davidson, 9739 Lee Highway	<b>31</b>  Memorial Day City government offices closed, General District Court closed, CUE Bus runs on a modified weekday schedule, trash and recyclables collected as usual					



# ARTS, CULTURE & RECREATION

## **Dancin' Fools**

### **Take to the Stage May 14**

Happy Feet, a clogging and tap dance troupe in the city, will grace the stage at Sidney Lanier Middle School May 14.

Happy Feet will welcome guests from the city's clogging and tap dance classes, in the show *Dancin' Fools* at 7:30 p.m. May 14. Tickets cost \$4 per person in advance and \$5 at the door. For information, call 703-263-7934.

### **Characters Sought for Independence Day Parade July 3**

The Independence Day Celebration Committee seeks volunteers to dress in character costumes and perform along the parade route at the 2004 Independence Day Parade July 3. Costumes will be provided. For information, call 703-385-7949.

### **Trails Day Set for June 5**

To celebrate 2004 Trails Day June 5, take a hike through Daniels Run Park.

Hikers will meet at 10 a.m. June 5 at the St. Andrews Drive entrance of Daniels Run Park. The hike will conclude at the Fairfax Marketplace (at Main Street and Old Lee Highway).

Refreshments will be served at the

end of the hike, and transportation will be provided back to the trail head.

For information, call 703-385-7858.

### **Entry Forms Available for Tennis Tournament**

Tennis enthusiasts may compete in the annual City of Fairfax Tennis Tournament that begins June 17. Players may enter for singles and doubles in the junior, adult and senior divisions.

Entry forms, due by June 12, are available from the Department of Parks and Recreation and the Fairfax Racquet Club. For information, call 703-273-9276.

### **Teen Center Activities**

The Hot Spot Teen Center is open at the Green Acres Center for teens grades 7-10, who can enjoy the following trips: Funland May 8; Laser Quest May 22 and D.C. museums June 5. The center is open from 6:30-10:30 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays; however, the center closes when it has scheduled off-site activities.

For information, call 703-385-7978.

### **Summer Program Registration Continues**

Registration continues for the Sunshine Kidz program (age 3 through pre-

kindergarten) and for the Teen Center (grades 8-10). Programs are held June 28 to August 12 in city schools. For information, call 703-385-7858.

Counselors age 18 and older are sought to work in the city's summer programs. For information, call 703-385-7858.

### **Take a Little Trip**

For reservations, call 703-385-7978.

- Enjoy slots and races at Charlestown Races May 1. Cost is \$35.
- Travel to Atlantic City May 22. Cost is \$45. Participants must be at least 21 years old.

### **Classes Offered**

For reservations, call 703-385-7858.

- Seniorcise (begins May 3)
- After-school art (begins May 3)
- Pilates (begins May 3)
- Cardio cafe aerobics (begins May 4)
- 3-D Decoupage (begins May 17)
- Watercolor (begins May 26)
- Irish dance (begins May 25)
- Cardio kickboxing (begins June 15)
- Combat kenpo karate (begins June 15)
- Happy Feet (begins June 29)
- Clogging II/III (begins June 30)
- Tap II/III (begins June 30)
- Beginning clogging (begins July 1)

**For more information, call the Parks and Recreation Department at 703-385-7858 (TTY: 703-273-0840).**



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